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In re Application of

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For: Endoscopic Sample Taker for Cartilage  
Material



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO 1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

DE 43 28 855 and the English Abstract attached thereto disclose a spoon-shaped forceps instrument for minimally evasive surgery.

DE 1 855 179 discloses a sample taken for taking samples of cartilage. This document is discussed in the background section of there present application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,  
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